



**Agenda Item Number: 2006-6-6G**

## **BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**Meeting Date:** June 13, 2006

**Department:** Infrastructure Planning    **Staff Contact:** Tim West, Public Works Division Director  
Mary Murnane, Water Resources Program Mgr.

**TITLE:** Valley Utilities Project Grant Application

**ACTION:** Motion to approve:

1. Submittal of a Water and Wastewater Grant Application for \$955,600 to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
2. Administrative Resolution **AR** **-2006** designating the County Manager or designee as the Authorized Signatory.
3. Financial Resolution **FR** **-2006** increasing the budget and accepting \$955,600.00 from EPA.

### **SUMMARY:**

In FY 2005 the Congressional Delegation obtained an appropriation of \$955,600 for the Valley Utilities Project. The funding will be provided through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA requires that the Board approve an Administrative Resolution identifying a signatory agent for the County. The Administrative Resolution allows grant-related conditions to be administratively processed. In order to obtain this funding, Bernalillo County must submit a grant application to the EPA. The application must have the approval of the Board. The Financial Resolution authorizes amendment of the County budget to accept these funds.

The federal grant funding will be programmed for construction of the water and sewer extensions associated with the Valley Utilities Project. The grant will be utilized to construct a portion of the distribution system for the South Valley Water System Expansion Project. Total costs under the grant will be \$1,737,455, of which \$955,600 (55%) is from EPA funds, and \$781,855 (45%) is state and local match.

The total construction cost for the "Valley Utilities Project" is estimated to be \$111.6 million in 1998 dollars. The County has sold \$30 million in bonds to provide the required matching funds for this and future appropriations from the EPA. The New Mexico State Legislature approved \$20 million over the next ten years for this purpose as well. The City of Albuquerque pledged funding in the amount of \$21 Million for the ten-year project. This commitment was assumed by the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA), which has provided \$14 Million for the Valley Utilities Project -- \$7 Million last fiscal year, and another \$7 Million in this current fiscal year. An additional \$7 Million is budgeted for FY 2006/2007. To successfully complete the Valley Utilities Project additional EPA funding will be required for the full ten-year program.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Grant Application
2. Administrative Resolution **AR -2006**
3. Financial Resolution **FR -2006**

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

SV Distribution Lines-EPA	BC63-568650-VE42	\$ 955,600
SV Distribution Lines – State	BC63-568650-VS42	694,982
SV Distribution Lines – Bond	BC63-568650-VB42	<u>86,873</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,737,455</b>

## **STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

### **COUNTY MANAGER**

I recommend Board approval to accept this appropriation for the Valley Utilities project. TL 6/8/06

### **DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

The congressional delegation sponsored this appropriation for the Valley Utilities Project at the request of the Board. The funding will be used to partially fund the first phase of the South Valley Water Expansion Project that includes a distribution system of potable water. The grant requires an authorized signatory and staff is recommending the Board authorize the Manager. I recommend approval. TW 5/30/06

### **LEGAL**

Resolution for County Manager authorization. Approved as to form only. Legal does not comment on financial resolutions. Deborah S. Seligman, Legal 5/30/06

### **FINANCE**

<b>Budget</b>	Funding is available in the Jail/Water/Wastewater Bond Fund for the state and local match. If the Financial Resolution is approved, the EPA Federal Funding will be available. Amy Childers, Financial Services Administrator 5/19/06
<b>Purchasing</b>	No comment required. Rosanna Suazo, Purchasing 5/19/06
<b>Contracts</b>	No comment required. Rosanna Suazo, Purchasing 5/19/06
<b>Risk Management</b>	No comment required. David Baca, Risk Management 5/22/06